

Remarks

Claims 23 to 32 are pending. Claims 23-29 have been allowed. Claims 30-32 have been canceled without prejudice to filing a continuation application. Entry of the amendment and allowance of the application as amended are requested.

An Amendment requesting Correction of Inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48(b) accompanies this Amendment. Please enter the inventorship change, deleting Mr. Paul F. Baude as an inventor in this application, in the USPTO file.

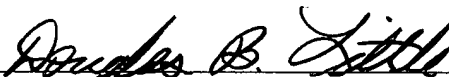
In view of the above amendments, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 is requested, and a notification of allowability as to claims 23-29 is respectfully solicited. If any issues or questions remain the resolution of which the Examiner feels would be advanced by a conference with Applicants' attorney, she is invited to contact such attorney at the telephone number noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

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